Airports in Maharashtra

2481. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the locations of the airports completed in all respects in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) what is the number of Airlines services operating at the completed airports;

(c) the total expenses incurred on construction of unutilised airports;

(d) what is the viability norm for giving approval for construction of the airports; and

(e) whether there are any pending proposals for approval in the State of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Bombay, Nagur, Aurangabad, Juhu, Kolhapur and Civil Enclave at Pune.

(b) Indian Airlines are operating the following average number of weekly flights from the following stations in the State of Maharashtra as per existing schedule:—

S. No.	Airport	Weekly flights
1.	Bombay	227
2.	Nagpur	17
3.	Aurangabad	9
4.	Pune	14

Air India, in their present winter schedule, are operating on an average 85 flights out of Bombay. Vayudoot Ltd. are presently operating to/from Bombay, Pune and Kolhapur.

(c) National Airports Authority, since its in inception in 1986, has not spent any money on the unutilised airports viz. Akola and Sholapur.

(d) Airport projects are approved on the basis of assessment of the traffic potential originating from such airports. The size of airport terminal building is determined by the number of passengers using the facility and the runway length and strength are dependent on the type of aircrafts operating therefrom.

(e) No, Sir.

Development of a light aircraft 'SWATI' by DGCA

2482. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a light trainer aircraft 'Swati' has been designed and developed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for flying clubs as a basic trainer aircraft; and

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be produced and what are the details of the costs involved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is manufacturing the 'SWATI' trainer aircraft. The first aircraft is getting ready for delivery. Cost of each of the first eight 'SWATI' aircraft to be delivered to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation will be about Rs. 27 lakhs.

Open Sky Policy

2483. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are opening up sky to the private sector operations; and